



Pacific Islands Tuberculosis Controllers Association (PITCA) Conference

September 9–13, 2019 | Palasia Hotel Palau | Koror, Republic of Palau

Day 1: Monday September 9

Time	Plenary Session Description & Presenters (Mings Hall)			
7:00–8:00	Registration, Breakfast, and Poster Setup			
Plenary Session 1 – Moderators: Connie Olikong (Palau) and Amee Patrawalla (GTBI)				
8:00–8:05	Welcome Address from Host Site (Palau Team)			
8:05–8:10	Welcome and Overview (Global Tuberculosis Institute Staff)			
8:10–8:30	Patient Perspective (TB Survivor)			
8:30–9:30	Keynote Address (Stevenson Kuartei)			
9:30–9:50	TB in the Pacific (Richard Brostrom and Derrick Felix)			
9:50–10:00	Question & Answer Session			
10:00–10:15	Break and Poster Discussion #1-2			
Plenary Session 2 – Moderators: Angela Marcil (Palau) and Alfred Lardizabal (GTBI)				
10:15–10:40	State of TB in the United States (Sapna Bamrah Morris)			
10:40–11:05	Achievements and Status of the TB Programs in the Pacific Island Countries (Subhash Yadav)			
11:05–11:25	USAPI Jurisdiction Report: Republic of the Marshall Islands			
11:25–11:45	USAPI Jurisdiction Report: Federated States of Micronesia			
11:45–12:00	Question & Answer Session			
12:00–1:00	Lunch and Poster Viewing			
Breakout Sessions				
	LABORATORY (VIP Desomel)	CLINICAL (VIP Mings)	NURSING & OUTREACH (Mings Hall)	PROGRAM MANAGER (Palasia Boardroom)
1:00–1:30	USAPI TB Lab Updates (All Jurisdictions)	Patient-Centered Care Workshop (Richard Brostrom, Amanda Christensen, Alfred Lardizabal, Connie Olikong, Amee Patrawalla, Kerrie Shaw, Allison Maiuri, and Dawn Tuckey)		
1:30–2:00	Regional TB Lab Updates (Vasiti Uluiviti)			
2:00–2:30	DLS Updates for the USAPI (Terrie Koyamatsu)			
2:30–3:00	CDC Lab Branch Updates (Angela Starks)			
3:00–3:15	Break and Poster Viewing			
3:15–3:45	Conducting Corrective Actions After an AFB Proficiency Survey (Daisy Phal, Maria Marfel, and Ulu Drodrolagi)	Patient Outcomes from Majuro (Zachraias Zachraias)	TB 101 – Pathophysiology (Amanda Christensen and Kerrie Shaw)	Fundamentals for the TB Program Manager (Derrick Felix)
3:45–4:00			Case Presentations (A. Samoa and CNMI)	
4:00–4:30	Sputum Specimens and the Patient Journey (Amanda Christensen and Kerrie Shaw)	Developing Poster Presentations (Peri Hopkins and Allison Maiuri)		
4:30–5:00				Discussion on the Interpretation of the AFB Smear Grading and Reporting (Lea Nisay)
5:00–5:30	Group Picture (Glynis Sanders)			
5:30	Adjourn			

Day 2: Tuesday, September 10

Theme: TB Treatment

Time	Plenary Session Description & Presenters (Mings Hall)
7:30–8:00	Breakfast and Poster Viewing

Plenary Session 3 – Moderators: Risa Bukbuk (RMI) and Sapna Bamrah Morris (CDC)				
8:00–8:20	USAPI Jurisdiction Report: Republic of Palau			
8:20–8:40	USAPI Jurisdiction Report: Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands			
8:40–9:00	National TB Controllers Association Report (Donna Wegener)			
9:00–9:20	Australian Respiratory Council Report (Amanda Christensen)			
9:20–9:45	Video DOT: Experience in Guam (Chima Mbakwem)			
9:45–10:00	Question & Answer Session			
10:00–10:15 Break and Poster Discussion #3-4				
Plenary Session 4 – Moderators: Dorina Fred (FSM) and Richard Brostrom (CDC)				
10:15–10:30	Pediatric Case Presentation #1 (Phuong Luu)			
10:30–11:30	The Art and Science of Diagnosing TB in Children (Ann Loeffler)			
11:30–11:45	Pediatric Case Presentation #2 (Zachraias Zachraias)			
11:45–12:00	Question & Answer Session			
12:00–1:00 Lunch and Poster Viewing				
Breakout Sessions				
	LABORATORY (VIP Desomel)	CLINICAL (VIP Mings)	NURSING & OUTREACH (Mings Hall)	PROGRAM MANAGER (Palasia Boardroom)
1:00–1:40	Scoring of Quantification Errors in the AFB Proficiency Panel Slides (Alisa Robison)	Pediatric CXRs (Ann Loeffler)	Nurse’s Role in Sputum Collection: Developing and Implementing Practice Guidelines and Competencies (Amanda Christensen and Kerrie Shaw)	Data Management & Utilization Workshop (Derrick Felix, Maureen Kolasa, and Angela Largen)
1:40–2:00	Training: Electronic TB Lab Register and Quarterly Statistics Workload and Performance Indicator Form (Lea Nisay)	Adult CXRs (Amea Patrawalla)		
2:00–2:30		How Much Rifampin Do I Use? (Sapna Bamrah Morris and Ann Loeffler)		
2:30–3:00		New Drugs in the Treatment of TB: Bedaquiline & Delamanid (Alfred Lardizabal and Sapna Bamrah Morris)		
3:00–3:15 Break and Poster Viewing			Practical Session and Role Play on Collecting Sputum Specimens (Amanda Christensen and Kerrie Shaw)	
3:15–3:45	Training: Electronic TB Lab Register and Quarterly Statistics Workload and Performance Indicator Form (continued) (Lea Nisay)	New Drugs in the Treatment of TB: Linezolid, Moxi, Clofazimine (Alfred Lardizabal and Richard Brostrom)		
3:45–5:00		Case Presentations (FSM and Guam)		
5:00 Adjourn				

Day 3: Wednesday, September 11

Theme: TB Prevention

Time	Plenary Session Description & Presenters (Mings Hall)			
7:30–8:00	Breakfast and Poster Viewing			
Plenary Session 5 – Moderators: Sandy Nua-Ahoia (American Samoa) and Amanda Christensen (ARC)				
8:00–8:30	TB and DM: News We Can Use! (Richard Brostrom)			
8:30–8:45	TB-DM Presentation #1 (Connie Olikong)			
8:45–9:00	TB-DM Presentation #2 (Phuong Luu)			
9:00–9:15	TB-DM Presentation #3 (Chima Mbakwem)			
9:15–10:00	How Do We Advance TB-DM Efforts in the Pacific? (Facilitated Discussion)			
10:00–10:15	Break and Poster Discussion #5-6			
Plenary Session 6 – Moderators: Sapna Bamrah Morris (CDC) and Subhash Yadav (WHO)				
10:15–11:15	TB and Leprosy Free Majuro Campaign (Majuro Team and Richard Brostrom)			
11:15–11:45	TB and Leprosy Free Ebeye – One Year Later (Ebeye Team and Richard Brostrom)			
11:45–12:00	Question & Answer Session			
12:00–1:00	Lunch and Poster Viewing			
Breakout Sessions				
	LABORATORY (VIP Desomel)	CLINICAL (VIP Mings)	NURSING & OUTREACH (Mings Hall)	PROGRAM MANAGER (Palasia Boardroom)
1:00–1:30	Challenges in Handling High TB Lab Workload (Kasian Otoko and Eratel Haid)	LTBI Regimens 4R, 3HR, 3HP (Amee Patrawalla)	Improving Communication Within the NTP, Feedback, and Audit to Improve Outcomes (Rubyna Hemon)	Aggregate Report for Program Evaluation (ARPE) Workshop (Derrick Felix and Maureen Kolasa)
1:30–1:45	How to Maintain Proficiency with Low TB Lab Workload? (Rebinson Renton)			
1:45–2:00	The Ebeye Lab Experience of the Ebeye TB Mass Screening – Successes & Challenges (Lina Masuda)		Ebeye Experience with 4R (Jake Nasa)	
2:00–2:30	Lessons Learned from the Majuro Lab Experience of TB Mass Screening (Ishael Ken)	Majuro Experience with 3HP (Risa Bukbuk)		
2:30–3:00	LTBI for Children: Updates in Recommendations (Ann Loeffler)			
3:00–3:15	Break and Poster Viewing			
3:15–3:45	SLMTA Progress in Yap – Lessons Learned So Far (Maria Marfel)	Case Presentations (RMI and Palau)	Infection Control (Amanda Christensen and Kerrie Shaw)	Data Harmonization (Derrick Felix, Subhash Yadav, and UNDP)
3:45–4:15	Discussion on the PIHOA Shipping Mechanism and Procurement of TB Lab Supplies (Vasiti Uluiviti and Facilitated Discussion)			
4:15–5:00	Discussion of Inventory Management Challenges (Angela Starks and Facilitated Discussion)		TB Sputum – From Laboratory Reception to Reporting (Angela Starks and Vasiti Uluiviti)	
5:00	Adjourn			
6:00–9:30	Cultural Event			

Day 4: Thursday, September 12

Theme: TB Laboratory

Time	Plenary Session Description & Presenters (Mings Hall)			
7:30–8:00	Breakfast and Poster Viewing			

Plenary Session 7 – Moderators: Mere Cama (Palau) and A. Chris Whelen (DLS)	
8:00–8:20	USAPI Jurisdiction Report: American Samoa
8:20–8:40	USAPI Jurisdiction Report: Guam
8:40–9:15	Xpert MTB/RIF® Ultra (Angela Starks)
9:15–9:30	Interpreting Xpert® MTB/RIF and MDDR Results Case Presentation #1
9:30–9:45	Interpreting Xpert® MTB/RIF and MDDR Results Case Presentation #2
9:45–10:00	Question & Answer Session
10:00–10:15 Break and Poster Discussion #7-8	
Plenary Session 8 – Moderators: Angela Starks (CDC) and Vasiti Uluiviti (PIHOA)	
10:15–10:25	Correlating Xpert® MTB/RIF Assay Cycle Threshold Values to AFB Smear Results and Culture Isolation of <i>M. tuberculosis</i> in Guam (Lea Nisay)
10:25–10:35	Performance of Xpert® MTB/RIF in the Diagnosis of Suspected TB Cases in Palau from 2016–2018 (Mere Cama and Carmin Pipit)
10:35–10:45	The Challenge of Receiving Poor Quality Specimens (Adesina Maruame and Maopa Raikapula)
10:45–11:15	Diagnostic Laboratory Services Update (Terrie Koyamatsu and A. Chris Whelen)
11:15–11:45	Use of NAAT for Non-Respiratory Specimens (A. Chris Whelen)
11:45–12:00	Question & Answer Session
12:00–1:00 Lunch and Poster Removal	
Plenary Session 9 – Moderators: Lea Nisay (Guam) and Terrie Koyamatsu (DLS)	
1:00–1:10	Individual Behavioral Challenges in TB Care (Daisy Phal and Maria Marfel)
1:10–1:30	Ensuring the Collection of a Quality TB Sputum (Vasiti Uluiviti)
1:30–2:30	Improving the Quality of Sputum Specimens in Your Jurisdiction (Facilitated Discussions and Action Plan Development)
2:30–2:45 Break	
Plenary Session 10 – Moderators: Connie Olikong (Palau) and Alfred Lardizabal (GTBI)	
2:45–3:30	Highlights from Clinical, Nursing/Outreach, Laboratory, and Program Manager Breakout Sessions
3:30–4:15	TB Screening, Testing, and Treatment of U.S. Health Care Personnel (Sapna Bamrah Morris)
4:15–4:45	TB Centers of Excellence Support to the USAPI (Allison Maiuri and Dawn Tuckey)
4:45–4:50	PITCA 2020 Announcement (Derrick Felix)
4:50–5:00	Closing Remarks (Palau and GTBI)
5:00	Adjourn

Day 5: Friday, September 13

Time	Plenary Session Description & Presenters
9:00–12:00	Site Visit to the Republic of Palau Ministry of Health, TB Clinic, and Laboratory
12:00–1:00	Lunch
1:00–4:00	Site Visit to the Republic of Palau Ministry of Health, TB Clinic, and Laboratory (<i>continued</i>)